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For : GENETICALLY MODIFIED MICROORGANISMS, PLASMID AND
FERMENTATION PROCESS WITH THE PRESENCE OF
FLOCCULATION REGULATED BY MEDIUM CHANGES

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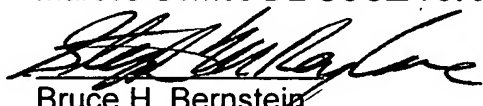
Sir:

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